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## REFERENCE:

SOVIET SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP

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LA HABANA, CUBA

1. SIGNIFICANCE:

FIRST OBSERVATION OF THIS SHIP IN THE CARIBBEAN  
AREA.

2. REMARKS:

THE [REDACTED] IS THE NEWEST SOVIET  
SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP (SSESS). BASED ON [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] A POLTAVA-CLASS SHIP, WAS CONVERTED

INTO THE SSESS [REDACTED] AT THE  
LENINGRAD SHIPYARDS BETWEEN EARLY JANUARY AND JUNE

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1967. THE SSESS [REDACTED] HAS BEEN IN THE VICINITY  
OF HAVANA, CUBA [REDACTED] THIS AREA IS

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EXPECTED TO BE HER SUPPORT STATION FOR THE FORTH-

COMING SOVIET SPACE MISSION. THE SSESS [REDACTED] HAS, 25X1

PRIOR TO HER DEPARTURE FROM THE BALTIC SEA, EXHIBITED

A CAPABILITY TO COMMUNICATE WITH MOSCOW VIA THE

MOLNIYA COMMUNICATIONS RELAY SATELLITE AND ALSO IS

EQUIPPED WITH DEEP SPACE COMMAND AND TRACKING

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EQUIPMENT WHICH WAS OBSERVED EMITTING IN A COMMAND  
MODULATION UNIQUE TO THE SOYUZ-TYPE SPACECRAFT. NO  
SUCH ACTIVITY, HOWEVER, HAS BEEN DETECTED SINCE  
JUNE 1967. THE PLACEMENT OF THE SSES [REDACTED] IN  
THE GULF OF MEXICO EFFECTIVELY EXPANDS THE SCOPE  
OF THE SOVIET COMMAND CAPABILITY. [REDACTED]

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3. LOCATION:

AT ANCHOR IN HAVANA HARBOR AT 23-07-36N 082-20-25W  
(UTM 17QLR 627580).



5. FIRST IDENTIFICATION:

[REDACTED]

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6. NEGATION DATE:

NOT APPLICABLE

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7. SUBSEQUENT  
COVERAGE:

NONE

8. DIMENSIONS:

NPIC/TID MENSURATION DERIVED FROM GLASS LAMP

REPORTS THE FOLLOWING:

LENGTH

\*BEAM

ENVIRONMENTAL DOMES

2 LARGE

1 SMALL

70 FEET

60 FEET DIAMETER

\* AS ANNOTATED, THE KOMAROV HAS BEEN WIDENED IN THE BEAM A MINIMUM OF

ONI FIGURES, LISTED IN THE "COMMUNIST BLOC MERCHANT SHIPS",  
GIVE THE DIMENSIONS FOR THE POLTAVA-CLASS HULL AS 510 FEET IN LENGTH AND  
68 FEET IN THE BEAM.

9. MISSION READOUT:

REPORTS UNDER LA HABANA

PORT FACILITIES.

OB -- 1 AGM (SOVIET SPACE EVENT SUPPORT SHIP,

1 PF, 1 PCE, 4 S.O.1, 7 KOMAR PTG, AND 5 P-4 PT.

OTHER VESSELS -- 16 LARGE FREIGHTERS, 1 LARGE TANKER, 6 COASTAL  
FREIGHTERS, 1 COASTAL TANKER, AND 2 FLOATING DRYDOCKS.

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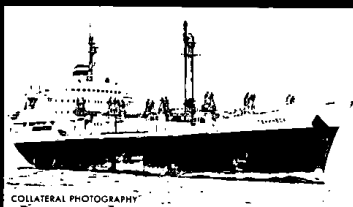
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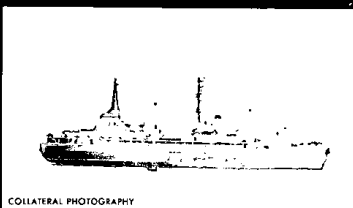
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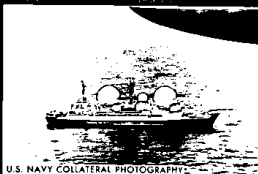
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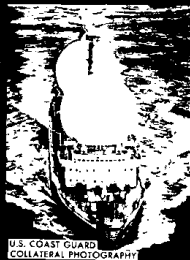
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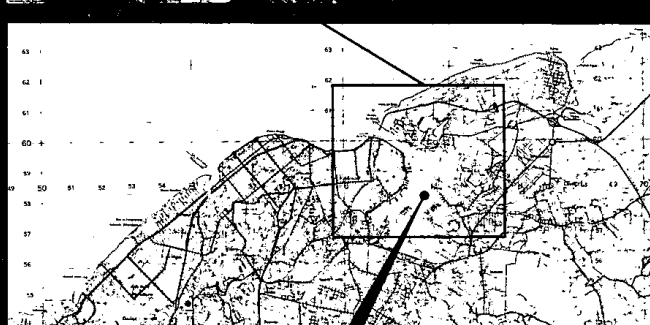
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BEAM MODIFICATION

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NPIC/TID MEASUREMENT DATA: LENGTH BEAM 70'  
ENVIRONMENTAL DOMES: LARGE 60'

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